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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, STATLER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 2 and 3, 1945

The Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries will be held Wednesday and Thursday, June 27 and 28 at the Hotel Rochester, Rochester, New York. This decision to accept the cordial invitation of the Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company was made by the Executive Committee at its meeting held in the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C., February 2 and 3 following an interview between William S. Johnston, President of the Association, Sidney B. Hill, Librarian of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and the General Counsel of the Office of Defense Transportation. Under current regulations and orders the Association is permitted to hold the meeting, provided not more than fifty persons attend. The Executive Committee felt that, as the Association has not met since June 1942, an annual meeting should be held in 1945 to discuss war and post-war library problems, including the rehabilitation of the collections of libraries in war areas.

Other matters discussed by the Executive Committee were the financial status of the Association, and the *Index to Legal Periodicals*. The report of the Treasurer presented by Miss Helen Newman, Associate Librarian of the Supreme Court, showed the present and estimated net balances of the Association to be larger than at any time since the beginning of the war. The balance in

the General Account as of January 20, 1945 was \$2,556.93 and in the Index to Legal Periodicals Account, \$6,387.70. The latter figure is exclusive of the reserves held by the H. W. Wilson Company, in New York City, to pay the costs of the seventh three-year cumulation of the *Index to Legal Periodicals*.

Following a comprehensive report and recommendations by Miles O. Price, Law Librarian of Columbia University, and Chairman of the Associations' Committee on Index to Legal Periodicals, it was voted to appoint a committee to study the subject-headings in the *Index* with a view to breaking down additional general headings and further improving our indexing service. A breakdown already has been made of Evidence, Taxation and Income Tax. The special committee will be composed of Lawrence Schmehl, Librarian, New York County Lawyers' Association, Gilson G. Glasier, Librarian, Wisconsin State Library and a former Editor of the *Index to Legal Periodicals*, Professor John Maguire of the Harvard Law School, Carroll C. Moreland, Assistant Librarian of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and Miss Helen Newman, Associate Librarian of the Supreme Court of the United States. Miss Jessie I. Wharton, the Executive Editor of the *Index*, is to serve as a member ex officio. When the committee has completed its study, it will report to Miles O. Price,

Chairman of the Committee on the Index to Legal Periodicals, who in turn will make specific recommendations to the Association giving printing and editorial costs of proposed changes in the subject-headings of the *Index*. A special committee to raise funds will then be appointed to prepare a brief seeking funds from one of the foundations or from interested individuals. In addition to the plea for funds to improve the classification scheme and subject-headings of the *Index*, a request will be made for a sum of money to be available over a five-year period to pay the salary of an assistant indexer to work under the direction of Miss Jessie Wharton, the Indexer for the Association, who has an office in the library of the Harvard Law School.

A nominating committee consisting of James C. Baxter, Librarian, Philadelphia Bar Association, Chairman, Eldon R. James, Law Librarian of Congress and Miss Frances Farmer, Acting Law Librarian of the University of Virginia, was appointed to prepare a slate of officers for 1945-46 to be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held in Rochester, New York, June 27.

The Executive Committee met all day on Friday, February 2, in a private conference room at the Statler Hotel where luncheon was served at one o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holcombe and the Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company were hosts to the members of the Executive Committee and their friends in attendance. Mr. Fred O. Dennis entertained the group at dinner on Friday evening.

On Saturday, February 3, the members met in the Foreign Law Reading Room of the Law Library of Congress.

At twelve-thirty the meeting adjourned and the delegates went across the street to the Supreme Court Building where a delightful luncheon party was given by Dr. and Mrs. Eldon R. James, in the Lawyers' Lounge adjoining the Bar Library Reading Room of the Supreme Court of the United States. Following the luncheon a tour of the library and of the building was conducted by Harry Parker, former messenger to Mr. Justice McReynolds and now messenger to Mr. Justice Jackson. The tour was concluded with an inspection of an exhibit of special binding and restoration now being done for the Supreme Court Library by Mr. Alex Maddox of Atlanta, Georgia, an associate member of the American Association of Law Libraries. One of the volumes, a part of the Elbridge T. Gerry Collection presented to the Court in 1928 by Senator Peter Gerry of Rhode Island, which was of especial interest is Grant, *Notes of Cases Adjudged in Jamaica, from May 1774 to December 1787*, printed by Adam Neill and Company, Edinburgh, 1794. This book was cited by the Court in the case of *Hendry v. Moore*, 318 U. S. 133, 148. A bibliography published in 1932 stated that "this work is a rarity of the first water, but two copies, one in the Institute of Jamaica Library, and the other in the Middle Temple, being known to exist."¹ The copy in the Supreme Court, and copies in the Harvard Law School Library and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York bring this number to five.

Those attending the Executive Committee meeting at the Statler, and Dr. and Mrs. James' luncheon at the Court

¹ RAGATZ, A GUIDE FOR THE STUDY OF BRITISH CARIBBEAN HISTORY, 1763-1834, H. R. Doc. No. 8181, 71st Cong., 3d Sess. (1932) 378.

on Saturday included: William S. Johnston, President, Helen Newman, Executive-Secretary and Treasurer, Miles O. Price, President-elect, Eldon R. James, Law Librarian of Congress, Jessie I. Wharton, Indexer, *Index to Legal Periodicals*, Huberta A. Price, Law Librarian, Interior Department and President of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D. C., Elizabeth Finley, Law Librarian of the firm of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb, Sidney B. Hill, Librarian, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Major Lewis W. Morse, Director of Libraries, Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army, H. Charles Hallam, Jr., Assistant Librarian, Supreme Court of the United States, Mr. Luther Evans, Acting Librarian of Congress, Mr. Sam Bass Warner, newly appointed Register of Copyrights, Lt. Paul De Witt, Director of Libraries, Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy and his assistant Lt. (j.g.) Lillian McLaurin (formerly Law Librarian of Vanderbilt University), Joseph Gauges, Librarian and Marshal, United States

Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, Miss Anne Jensen, Librarian, American University and Secretary of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D. C., Miss Ann Trittipio, of the staff of the Law Library of Congress and a member of the Board of Directors of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Ruby Mitchell, Secretary to Dr. James, Mr. James C. Baxter, Librarian, Philadelphia Bar Association, Mr. Laurie Riggs, Librarian, Baltimore Bar Library, Miss Frances Farmer and Mrs. Margaret Van Cise Shoemaker of the staff of the Law Library of the University of Virginia, Mr. Harold Bowen, Librarian, New Haven County Law Library, Mr. Evan Jones of the National Law Book Company, Mr. Sam Banks of John Byrne and Company, Mr. Alex Maddox, Bookbinder, Mr. Fred O. Dennis, of Buffalo and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holcombe, of Rochester, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN NEWMAN,

Executive-Secretary.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY OFFERS LAW LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION COURSE IN 1945

The Columbia University School of Library Service is to offer its course in Law Library Administration again under the direction of Miles O. Price, Librarian of the Columbia University

Law Library. The 1945 class will be the ninth group to study the course. The term extends from July 2 to August 10. Application for admission should be made to the School of Library Service.

LATIN-AMERICAN LAW BOOKS IN ANGLO-AMERICAN LAW LIBRARIES

BY WILLIAM B. STERN

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If an American Holdsworth should write a history of American law, he would spend a considerable portion of his book on a description of the influence of foreign law on American law. In discussing the legal knowledge of pre-revolutionary lawyers, he would doubtless refer to the natural law beliefs of the time and the contemporaneous study of civil law. In a later chapter, he would note the strong civil law leanings of Joseph Story and David Hoffman; in tracing the history of legal education in the nineteenth century, he would give an account of the relatively numerous courses in civil law which supplied the intellectual background for natural law abstractions in the early law schools; and finally, he would trace the more or less abortive attempts at codification which were inspired by the European example.

Here, the curtain would drop. Realists, as they made their influence felt in the classroom and in court, had little interest in comparative studies. Subjects which previously had been the province of civilians, such as commercial law and the law of presumptions, were transferred to the domain of common law, and knowledge of Roman or civil law among the teachers of law became the exception rather than the rule.

With the coming of the twentieth century, the lowering of world trade barriers began, the country changed from a debtor-nation into a creditor-nation and a wave of immigration broke on its

shores. Americans became plaintiffs and defendants in civil law countries; they acquired property abroad and lived abroad. They were confronted with *causa* instead of consideration, with the emphasis on registers rather than documents *ad hoc*; businessmen encountered cartels rather than anti-trust legislation and found themselves in the throes of dual taxation. Endeavors were made to unify discordant provisions of national laws, and the urge of nations to live democratically as neighbors gave rise to a tremendous increase in the interest of Americans in foreign political, social and economic pursuits. At the present, the war necessitates the study of foreign law; a life-line may be blocked by the law of a certain country; civilian administration is taking over occupied countries, and war-essential industries may penetrate to a far away region whose law is unknown to us.

Lately, law, political science and history libraries have awakened to the need of collections on foreign law, and the librarians find themselves confronted with problems which cannot easily be dealt with along lines of previous routines. Changed political conditions and viewpoints focus attention on our Latin-American neighbors. Information on their legal life becomes of paramount importance. It may therefore be desirable to record some experiences encountered in the acquisition of Latin-American law books; it is not intended to record them as dicta; rather they are intended to be the basis for discussion.

The Contents of a Collection on Latin-American Law

Librarians do well to determine the desired limitations of their collection in advance. Some libraries may be satisfied with Latin-American constitutions and codes; others will need, as well, session laws and compilations of them, administrative regulations, reports of courts and administrative tribunals, collections of treaties and other international agreements, legal periodicals and treatises.

All Latin-American jurisdictions, with the exception of British possessions, are civil law countries. They rely heavily on statutory law, particularly on codes. Codes such as the *Código Civil* of Chile¹ expressly provide that only the legislature may interpret laws and that opinions of court have no binding force beyond the individual case in which they were rendered. In other Latin-American codes, the rule is found that in case of gaps in the law, the "spirit of the law"² or the principles of analogous laws, or, in their absence, the "general principles of law"³ shall be applied. However, it would be an error to assume that civil law countries do completely without precedent and *stare decisis*. The difference between the civil and common law method is more one of ideology and terminology than of practice. In Mexico, *e. g.*, the federal *Civil Code* provides that civil controversies are decided "according to the letter of the law or its judicial interpretation," and in the absence of a statutory provision according to "general principles of law"⁴; and

under the *Ley de Amparo*, opinions in certain constitutional cases which are rendered by divisions (*Salas*) of the Mexican Supreme Court are binding precedent provided that the ruling of the Court is found in five consecutive opinions.⁵

In view of the trend of civil law countries toward "judge-made" law, most law libraries will consider it essential to collect Latin-American law reports. Treatises and periodicals are also essential in a balanced collection. Latin-American lawyers are used to the lecture-and-textbook method, and in their professional activities they rely largely on treatises, monographs and periodical literature. In some of the smaller countries, periodicals, which are often quite ephemeral, virtually take the place of textbooks, and are indispensable for the study of law reforms.

The bibliographical literature on Latin-American law has seen a considerable increase within the last few years. The annual *Handbook of Latin American Studies*⁶ has sections on law, government, international relations, economics and labor and social welfare. A *Bibliography of Latin American Bibliographies* was compiled at the Hispanic Foundation of the Library of Congress by C. K. Jones.⁷ Of an *Index to Latin-American Books*,⁸ only the 1938 volume was published. Bibliographical periodicals and annuals are issued by libraries, government offices or universities in the Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil,

¹ See Mexican Republic, *DIARIO OFICIAL* of January 10, 1936, p. 15; art. 193, 194, for details.

² Cambridge, Harvard University Press. Vol. 1 (1935) was published in 1936; vol. 7 (1941) was published in 1942. Vol. 8 is expected to be published in 1945.

³ 2d ed., Washington, 1942 (Latin American Series, No. 2).

⁴ Washington, Inter-American Book Exchange, 1940. Mimeographed.

¹ Chile: *Código CIVIL* (1855) art. 3. All references are to current Codes unless stated otherwise.

² Argentine Republic: *Código CIVIL* (1869) sec. 16.

³ Argentine Republic: *Código CIVIL* (1869) sec. 16; Brazil: *Código CIVIL* (1916) *Introdução*, art. 7.

⁴ Art. 19.

Mexico, Peru and Uruguay⁹ and perhaps in other countries. The Columbus Memorial Library of the Pan American Union issues the *Pan American Book Shelf*. Among bibliographical periodicals which are edited by book publishers, *Cervantes* and the *Boletín Bibliográfico Mexicano*¹⁰ are of particular importance.

Bibliographies on the law of individual countries will be mentioned below with a discussion of Latin-American treatises.¹¹

Constitutions and Statutory and Regulatory Materials

Constitutions of Latin-American countries are not looked upon reverently as permanent charters which would be subject only to reluctant change. Although many of the constitutions are partly modeled after our Federal Constitution, that view prevails which demands frequent changes of the fundamental law as a defense against vested interests. Latin-American constitutions are available in an almost up-to-date collection by Lazcano y Mazón¹² and in a work by Pasquel.¹³ A brief list of

constitutions which were in force in 1941 was compiled by James B. Childs and Russell H. Fitzgibbon.¹⁴ Earlier collections of Latin-American constitutions are by Carranza, Rodríguez and Altamira y Crevea.¹⁵ Some of the texts of Latin-American constitutions have been translated into English.¹⁶

Laws and decree-laws and administrative regulations are published in official gazettes which in most countries are issued daily.¹⁷ These gazettes, usually entitled "Gaceta Oficial" or "Periódico Oficial" contain also legal advertising, patent and trademark applications, and in some instances, court reports. The most recent checklist of current gazettes was compiled by James B. Childs,¹⁸ but several changes in their publication have occurred in the meantime. Librarians who undertake to collect Latin-American gazettes find themselves confronted with difficulties which often make it impossible to complete files. Only a few of the gazettes have indexes and in most instances they are not easily usable. Current laws and decree-laws which directly or indirectly affect the war effort are indexed in the *Bulletin of the Pan American Union*.

⁹ Argentine Republic, Comisión Nacional de Cooperación Intelectual, *BOLETÍN BIBLIOGRÁFICO ARGENTINO* (no. 13/14, 1943); *BOLETÍN DE LA BIBLIOTECA DEL CONGRESO* (no. 51/52, 1943); Bolivia, *BOLETÍN BIBLIOGRÁFICO DE LA FACULTAD DE DERECHO, UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA SIMÓN BOLÍVAR* (no. 2, 1944); Brazil, Instituto Nacional do Livro, *BIBLIOGRAFIA BRASILEIRA* (1938/39); Mexico, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, *ANUARIO BIBLIOGRÁFICO MEXICANO* (1940); Comisión de Cooperación Intelectual, *BIBLIOGRAFIA MEXICANA* (1942); Peru, *BOLETÍN BIBLIOGRÁFICO DE LA BIBLIOTECA CENTRAL DE LA UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR DE SAN MARCOS* (1944); Uruguay, *BOLETÍN BIBLIOGRÁFICO DE LA FACULTAD DE DERECHO Y CIENCIAS SOCIALES DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE MONTEVIDEO*. The parenthetical figures refer to the latest recorded volumes or issues.

¹⁰ *CERVANTES*: Havana, Cultural (año 19, 1944); *BOLETÍN BIBLIOGRÁFICO MEXICANO*: México, Portua Hermanos y Cia. (año 5, 1944). In Cuba, an *ANUARIO BIBLIOGRÁFICO* (1943) is edited by F. Peraza Sarratua.

¹¹ See p. 10.

¹² Andrés María Lazcano y Mazón, *CONSTITUCIONES POLÍTICAS DE AMÉRICA*. La Habana, Cultural, 1942. 2 vols.

¹³ Leonardo Pasquel, *LAS CONSTITUCIONES DE AMÉRICA*. México, 1943. 2 vols.

¹⁴ *HANDBOOK OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES* (1941) p. 257.

¹⁵ Arturo B. Carranza, *DIGESTO CONSTITUCIONAL AMERICANO*. Buenos Aires, 1900-01, 2 vols.; José Ignacio Rodríguez, *AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONS*, Washington, 1906-07, 2 vols.; Rafael Altamira y Crevea, *CONSTITUCIONES VIGENTES DE LOS ESTADOS AMERICANOS*, Madrid, 1926-30, 3 vols.

¹⁶ Argentine Republic: J. A. & E. de Marval, *LAW OF ARGENTINA IN ENGLISH*, Buenos Aires, 1933, p. 4-32. Brazil: *NEW CONSTITUTION*, Rio de Janeiro, Imprensa Nacional, 1937; *COMPLETE TEXT OF THE BRAZILIAN CONSTITUTION*, Rio de Janeiro, British Chamber of Commerce, 1937. Cuba: H. L. Lewis, *transl. THE CONSTITUTION*, 1940, mimeographed. Mexico: H. N. Branch, *transl. THE MEXICAN CONSTITUTION OF 1917 COMPARED WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF 1857*, Philadelphia, American Academy of Political and Social Science, 1917 (originally published as supplement to *The Annals*, May, 1917); reprinted, Washington, 1926.

¹⁷ Bolivia is the only Latin-American country without an official gazette.

¹⁸ *HANDBOOK OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES* (1936) p. 205.

It is therefore a frequent practice to resort to official gazettes only if the laws are not available in "session laws" or in periodicals, or if the publication or distribution of session laws is considerably delayed. Jurisdictions in which laws are published at present only in gazettes include the 28 states of the United States of Mexico as well as the Republic of Mexico, Nicaragua and Paraguay; jurisdictions in which session laws are not up to date include the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras and Uruguay.

All gazettes are, of course, published in the vernacular, but a digest of the Cuban gazette is published in English.¹⁹

Bibliographical information on session laws may be gleaned from Miss Gregory's *List of the Serial Publications of Foreign Governments*. In some countries, periodicals are devoted to the publication of session laws.²⁰ In other countries, laws are published in separately paged appendices to general legal periodicals.

Important Brazilian laws are translated into English in the *Monthly Bulletin of the British Chamber of Commerce in Brazil*.

Complete sets of session laws are readily available in some countries, but almost unobtainable in others, and have been re-edited and re-published, at least in part, in Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico,²¹ Peru and Uruguay,²² and in the

Mexican states of Jalisco, Mexico, Michoacan, Morelos, Oaxaca, Tlaxcala, Veracruz and Zacatecas.

Codes and subject compilations of statutes form the nucleus of a collection on Latin-American law. Because of the frequent changes in law, however, codes and compilations are likely to be out of date within a few years after their publication.

Early compilations of Latin-American codes and statutes were Clifford S. Walton's *Leyes Comerciales y Maritimas de la América Latina*²³ and the Latin-American volumes of *The Commercial Laws of the World*.²⁴ As a compilation of Latin-American penal codes, Medina's work²⁵ deserves particular mention.²⁶

The history of civil, commercial, penal and procedural codes of Latin-American countries is related in a Library of Congress publication,²⁷ which is also a checklist for codes which were in force in 1941. Miss Hall's *Preliminary List of Latest Codes of South American Countries*²⁸ was published almost simultaneously. As these are pioneer works they are necessarily incomplete in a few, though important instances, *e. g.*, concerning the Corporation Law of the Dominican Republic which was re-com-

¹⁹ Washington, 1907, 5 vols.

²⁰ Boston, 1911-14, vols. 1-6.

²¹ Antonio A. de Medina y Ormacchea, *LA LEGISLACION PENAL DE LOS PUEBLOS LATINOS*, México, 1899.

²² Compilations on other subjects are, *e. g.*, H. W. Halleck, *COLLECTION OF MINING LAWS OF SPAIN AND MEXICO*, San Francisco, 1859; *International Labour Office, LEGISLACION SOCIAL DE AMERICA LATINA*, vol. 1, Geneva, 1928; J. W. Thompson, *PETROLEUM LAWS OF ALL AMERICA*, Washington, 1921 (United States Bureau of Mines, Bulletin 206); *WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LEGISLATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES*, Washington, 1930 (Bulletin of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, no. 529).

²³ *LEGAL CODES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS*, Washington, Library of Congress, 1942 (Latin American Series, 1).

²⁴ *THE LEGIST* (1942), April and June issues, mimeographed.

¹⁹ Daily Compendium of the Cuban Official Gazette, Havana, R. F. Martel.

²⁰ Argentine Republic: *ANALES DE LEGISLACION ARGENTINA*, and advance sheets entitled *BOLETIN INFORMATIVO DE LEGISLACION ARGENTINA*. Brazil: *ANUARIO DE LEGISLACAO FEDERAL*. Cuba: *LA JURISPRUDENCIA AL DIA*. The *BOLETIN DEL CONGRESO NACIONAL LEGISLATIVO* of Honduras and the *BOLETIN DE LEYES Y DECRETOS DEL GOBIERNO* of Chile are monthly publications of session laws.

²¹ John T. Vance, *BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MEXICAN SESSION LAWS AND COMPILATIONS* (1932) 25 L. LIB. J. 95.

²² Apparently also in the Dominican Republic.

piled in 1938,²⁹ and the Commercial Code of Ecuador.³⁰ Since the compilation of these lists in 1941, new codes have been issued in some countries; as, in Mexico the *Código Federal de Procedimientos Civiles* was passed in 1943, and in Venezuela a new civil code became law in 1942. The civil codes of Mexican states are listed by the author in a forth-coming article.³¹

In late years, the advance of administrative law and social and economic legislation in Latin-American countries has caused an increase in the publication of subject collections and annotated editions of individual statutes. In some countries, looseleaf publications are popular.³²

Many Latin-American commercial codes have been translated into English;³³ the civil codes of the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Costa Rica and Peru³⁴ and numerous other laws are also available in translation.³⁵

²⁹ Dominican Republic, Secretaría de E. de Justicia (etc.), *LIBRO PRIMERO DEL CÓDIGO DE COMERCIO*, Ciudad Trujillo, 1938.

³⁰ Edited by Luis Monsalve Pozo, Cuenca, Tipografía de la Universidad, 1941; edited by Esteban Amador Navarro, Guayaquil, Reed, 1941.

³¹ *Mexican Marriages and Divorces* (1945) CALIF. STATE BAR JOUR.

³² In Cuba, looseleaf publications are issued by the Private Commercial Service Co.; in Mexico by Informacion Aduanera de Mexico, A. Jiménez, and Ediciones Lex.

³³ See above at footnote 24; see also: British Chamber of Commerce in Brazil, *COMPLETE TEXT OF THE BRAZILIAN COMPANY LAW OF 1940*, 2d impression, Rio de Janeiro, 1940; *CODE OF COMMERCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA*, Havana, Private Commercial Service Company, 1944 (mimeographed); J. B. Taylor, *THE COMMERCIAL CODE OF MEXICO*, Mexico, 1908.

³⁴ F. L. Joannini, *THE ARGENTINE CIVIL CODE*, Boston, 1917 (Published for the Comparative Law Bureau of the American Bar Association); J. Wheeler, *THE CIVIL CODE OF BRAZIL*, St. Louis, 1920; *TRANSLATION OF THE CIVIL CODE OF COSTA RICA*, Boston, 1907. The Mexican Civil Code of 1884 (still in force in some Mexican states) was translated by J. P. Taylor (San Francisco, 1904). F. L. Joannini, *THE CIVIL CODE OF PERU*, 1920 (published for the Comparative Law Bureau of the American Bar Association).

³⁵ E. g., J. A. & E. Marval, *LAWS OF ARGENTINA IN ENGLISH*, Buenos Aires, 1933, and supplement. Many of the important Mexican laws are issued in English translation by the Asociación de Empresas Industriales, Mexico. J. Wheeler' *COMPENDIUM OF THE LAWS OF MEXICO*, 2d ed., St. Louis, Thomas Law Book Co., 1938, is a translation in digest form.

Treaties

Collections of treaties and other international agreements of Latin-American countries serve as sources of general information on the international status of these countries, and for particular purposes such as the determination of rights under most-favored-nations clauses; they also provide access to unratified or terminated agreements which are not easily available otherwise.

A checklist of the latest Latin-American treaty collections was recently compiled by J. B. Childs.³⁶ In 1940, the United States Tariff Commission issued a combined checklist and finding list of international commercial agreements to which Latin-American countries are parties.³⁷ International agreements of Latin-American countries are also annually noted in the *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, and treaties deposited for registration with the Pan American Union are annually listed in the *Bulletin of the Pan American Union*.

International conferences of American States are responsible for a host of draft conventions;³⁸ the Juridical Division of the Pan American Union issues a semi-annual schedule³⁹ which indicates the conventions which are in force and the countries to which they apply.

Court Reports

At present, court reports are published for the decisions of the highest courts of all Latin-American countries except

³⁶ *Latin American Treaty Collections* (1943-44) 3 *INTER-AMERICAN BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REV.* 197. The list seems to be complete except for Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, and Panama.

³⁷ *REFERENCE MANUAL OF LATIN AMERICAN COMMERCIAL TREATIES*, Washington, 1940.

³⁸ See, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Division of International Law, *THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF AMERICAN STATES, 1889-1928*, New York, Oxford University Press, 1931; *FIRST SUPPLEMENT, 1934-1940*, Washington, 1940.

³⁹ *ENTITLED STATUS OF THE PAN AMERICAN TREATIES AND CONVENTIONS*.

Paraguay; but in no country have they been issued in consecutive form since the earliest days of independence. The court reports of most countries are published in the official gazettes of the government, or in official gazettes or bulletins of the courts. In some countries, reports which were originally published in gazettes are re-published in volume form. Reports of decisions of the highest courts have been published in volume form in the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Costa Rica, Haiti, Uruguay and Venezuela. In Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and El Salvador, they are published in periodical issues. The acquisition of court reports is difficult as they are issued in small editions. Recent reports of the Supreme Courts of Brazil and Panama, for example, are out of print, and the reports of the Mexican Supreme Court for the period from 1898 to 1910 are found in only a few libraries. Commercially available sets of gazettes of court reports often have serious gaps and are a considerable financial investment.

Because of delays in the publication of court reports, periodicals in which selected opinions are reprinted or which are exclusively devoted to the publication of court reports or digests,⁴⁰ are of increasing importance.

Digests of court reports are published in the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba and Mexico.⁴¹ Occasion-

ally, as in Mexico, the administrative reports of the courts (*Informe*) are important sources for a study of the decisions rendered.

Decisions in matters of administrative law are reported in separate form in Colombia and Mexico.⁴²

When one considers the difficulties encountered in the collection of Latin-American court reports, the scarcity of detailed bibliographical information is not surprising. Miss Gregory's *List of Serial Publications of Foreign Governments* and bibliographies on the law of individual countries offer, however, a good starting point. It is hoped that with the cooperation of all interested libraries a checklist of court reports may be compiled at some future time.

Periodicals

The Spanish language has a word which connotes the practice of publishing periodicals (*periodismo*). This expression and its frequent use are an indication of the high esteem in which periodicals are held in many countries of Spanish background. Legal periodicals are numerous in Latin-American countries; unfortunately, the ephemeral and fugitive character of many of these periodicals is the cause of the incompleteness of bibliographical information. In 1942, a selected list of Latin-American legal periodicals was compiled in the Columbus Memorial Library of the Pan American Union;⁴³ a particularly laudable feature is the inclusion of addresses of the publication offices of periodicals. Detailed data on many legal

⁴⁰ E. g., LA JURISPRUDENCIA AL DÍA, Santiago de Chile, bi-weekly; LOS TRIBUNALES, Mexico, monthly.

⁴¹ Argentine Republic: J. E. Domínguez y J. A. Frias and others, DIGESTO DE LOS FALLOS DE LA SUPREMA CORTE, Buenos Aires, 1897-1932, 6 vols.; F. S. Perez, TRATADO SOBRE LA JURISPRUDENCIA DE LA CORTE SUPREMA, Buenos Aires, 1941-44, 11 vols.; Brazil: Spencer Vampre, REPERTORIO GERAL DE JURISPRUDENCIA, São Paulo, 1925-32, 15 vols.; Colombia: F. Garavito A., JURISPRUDENCIA DE LA CORTE SUPREMA DE JUSTICIA, Bogotá, 1915-43, 5 vols. (vol. 4 not published; vol. 5 in 2 parts by J. Motta Salas); Cuba: G. de Montagu, JURISPRUDENCIA DEL TRIBUNAL SUPREMO DE CUBA, Havana, 1941-44, 3 vols.; Mexico: S. Chavez Hayhoe, PRONTUARIO DE EJECUTORIAS DE LA SUPREMA CORTE, Mexico, 1935-38, 13 vols.; supplemented in looseleaf form.

⁴² Colombia, ANALES DEL CONSEJO DE ESTADO; a digest thereto was edited by J. A. Archila (JURISPRUDENCIA DEL CONSEJO DE ESTADO, Bogotá, 1918-40, 4 vols.); Mexico, REVISTA DEL TRIBUNAL FISCAL DE LA FEDERACION.

⁴³ A Selected List of Latin American Periodicals containing Laws and Legal Information. Washington, 1942 (Bibliographical Series, no. 28).

periodicals may be found in the second edition of the *Union List of Serials*, and more entries are promised for the first supplement (at present under preparation).

Treatises

Under code systems, textbooks and esoteric writings on statutes are apt to take a high rank in legal literature. Particularly in countries in which precedents as established by courts play a subordinate part, academic discussions of the law are of paramount importance.

Legal research by textbook and monograph, that is, by resort to theorizing, permits a healthy internationalism of authorship. If identical or similar principles of law are embodied in the codes and statutes of several countries, a treatise, though based on the law of one country, can easily be used for the study of the law of another country. For this reason, French, German and Italian treatises have frequently been translated into other languages, occasionally into English, but particularly into Spanish. Many translations were published in Spain,⁴⁴ but especially in recent years, voluminous translations have been undertaken in Cuba and Mexico.⁴⁵ Until recently European works were almost preferred to locally written treatises, at least in Colombia, Mexico and many of the smaller countries. But the tremendous economic and cultural development of Latin-American republics, and of late the advent of autocratic and totalitarian ideologies in Europe, have accelerated the develop-

ment of the monographic legal literature in Latin-America. On a comparative population basis, the yearly output of new treatises and new editions in the Argentine Republic and in Brazil probably has already surpassed production in the United States. On the other hand, the monographic literature is still meager in some other Latin-American countries, and editions are usually very small. As a matter of fact, the purchase of treatises is often impeded by the extraordinarily small editions in which they are published. Editions of 150, 200 or 300 copies are no rarity.

Bibliographies on the monographic legal literature of Latin-American countries are considerable in number. Since bibliographies serve primarily as keys to the law books of individual countries, some of the books which deal with the law of the majority of Latin-American countries will be mentioned in the following.

Books on Latin-American civil and commercial law were written by Walton, Esquivel Obregón and Martin.⁴⁶ A study by Gonzalez Cordero⁴⁷ and *Information Circulars* of the United States Bureau of Mines deal with mining and petroleum laws. Publications of the Pan American Union contain valuable material on social legislation and copyright protection.⁴⁸ Recent books on nationality and alien legislation have been written by Lessing and Zorraquin Becu.⁴⁹

⁴⁶ C. S. Walton, *THE CIVIL LAW IN SPAIN AND SPANISH AMERICA*, Washington, 1900; T. Esquivel Obregón, *LATIN-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LAW*, New York, 1921; E. Martin, *LATIN AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LAW (CUBA, MEXICO, COSTA RICA)*, New York, 1926.

⁴⁷ S. Gonzalez Cordero, *BETUNES, HIDROCARBUROS Y PETROLEO*, México, 1929.

⁴⁸ *MUESTRAS DE LEGISLACION SOCIAL AMERICANA*, Washington, 1943; *COPYRIGHT PROTECTION IN THE AMERICAS*, Washington, 1943 (Law and Treaty Series, no. 16).

⁴⁹ J. A. Lessing, *LA NACIONALIDAD*, Buenos Aires, 1941; H. Zorraquin Becu, *EL PROBLEMA DEL EXTRANJERO EN LA RECIENTE LEGISLACION LATINO-AMERICANA*, Buenos Aires, 1943.

⁴⁴ Published mostly by *Revista de Derecho Privado*.

⁴⁵ E. g., Planiol, *TRATADO PRACTICO DE DERECHO CIVIL*, FRANCES, trad. por M. Diaz Cruz, Habana, J. Buxó, 1927-40, 13 vols.; for foreign books on commercial law in Mexico, see H. L. Clagett, *The Sources of the Commercial Law of Mexico* (1944) 18 *TULANE L. REV.* 437.

The reinsurance laws of South America and Mexico were recently discussed by Delaney.⁵⁰

Most treatises on the law of individual countries are written in the vernacular. However, a few have been written in English.⁵¹

Bibliographies of the law, and particularly of treatises on the law of individual countries, have been issued by the Library of Congress and the American Foreign Law Association. Library of Congress publications include E. M. Borchard's *Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile*,⁵² C. M. Bishop's and A. Marchant's *Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti*,⁵³ A. M. Ker's *Mexican Government Publications*,⁵⁴ and P. Eder's and R. C. Backus' *Guide to the Law of Colombia*.⁵⁵ A bibliography on Mexican law is in preparation. The American Foreign Law Association issued E. Schuster's *Guide to Law and Legal Literature of Central American Republics*⁵⁶ and short bibliographies on the law of

the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Uruguay.⁵⁷

In the Argentine Republic, the Biblioteca de la Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales of the Universidad de Buenos Aires has issued a *Serie Bibliográfica* of which 20 volumes have been published to date. A bibliography of the law of Colombia by A. Quintano appeared in a periodical.⁵⁸ Volumes 7 and 8 of L. Robles Segreda's *Indice Bibliográfico de Costa Rica*⁵⁹ deal with politics and law. M. Cruzado's *Bibliografía Jurídica Mexicana*⁶⁰ is still useful. A new bibliography with the same title is being prepared at the Instituto de Derecho Comparado de México. A bibliography of Venezuelan treatises was compiled by F. Amores y Herrera.⁶¹

The Technique of Forming Latin-American Collections

Matters of technique vary from library to library and are of limited interest; the generalization may therefore suffice that established library techniques which work well for the administration of collections of American or European law, should be liberally adjusted if the formation of collections of Latin-American law is planned.

Conclusion

The formation of fairly satisfactory Latin-American collections has been successfully undertaken by a number of law libraries in the United States. But much remains to be done if the legal profession of the country is to be ade-

⁵⁰ William F. Delaney, *REINSURANCE LAWS OF SOUTH AMERICA AND MEXICO*, New York, Insurance Society of New York, 1942.

⁵¹ The following are some of the best-known texts written in English: Argentine Republic, S. P. Amadeo, *ARGENTINE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW*, New York, 1943; Colombia, J. W. Raisbeck, *BUSINESS LAW OF COLOMBIA*, Charleston, W. Va., 1940; Mexico, E. D. Fuller, *HANDBOOK OF THE LAW OF MEXICAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATIONS*, Mexico, 1911; F. Hall, *THE LAWS OF MEXICO*, San Francisco, 1885; L. Hamilton, *MEXICAN LAW*, San Francisco, 1882; R. J. Kerr, *HANDBOOK OF MEXICAN LAW*, Chicago, 1909; M. G. Reynolds, *SPANISH AND MEXICAN LAND LAWS*, St. Louis, 1895; J. A. Rockwell, *COMPILATION OF SPANISH AND MEXICAN LAW*, New York, 1851; G. Schmidt, *CIVIL LAW OF SPAIN AND MEXICO*, New Orleans, 1851. Numerous monographs on individual phases of Latin-American law and on trading in Latin-American countries were published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in the United States Department of Commerce.

⁵² Washington, 1917.

⁵³ Washington, 1944.

⁵⁴ Washington, 1940.

⁵⁵ Washington, 1944.

⁵⁶ New York, 1937 (*Bibliographies of Foreign Law Series*, no. 11).

⁵⁷ New York, 1933 (*Bibliographies of Foreign Law Series*, no. 7, 8, 9).

⁵⁸ (1935) 22 *BOLETIN DE HISTORIA Y ANTIGÜEDADES* 321 *et seq.*

⁵⁹ San José, 1935-36.

⁶⁰ Mexico, 1905.

⁶¹ (1943) 7 *REVISTA DEL COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS DEL DISTRITO FEDERAL* 40.

quately informed. As late as 1944, H. E. Yntema wrote:⁶²

. . . Except for a limited number of specialized practitioners in a few large cities, the members of the legal profession in this country have grown up in . . . ignorance of the monuments of legislation, the distinguished jurists, and the legal

⁶² *Research in Inter-American Law* (1944) 43 Mich. L. Rev. 549 at 554.

problems of Latin America . . .

It is the librarian's opportunity and duty to supply the books and information for which such an obvious need exists; a country at war and at work cannot be satisfied with the mere preservation of its equilibrium; it is vitally concerned with the future, its own and that of others as well.

ELSIE BASSET; AN APPRECIATION

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In November, 1944, Elsie Basset, in charge of cataloging in the Columbia University Law Library since 1916, retired.

When, in 1936, Dr. Harriet D. MacPherson dedicated her book, *Some Practical Problems in Cataloging*, "to Elsie Basset, the Ideal Reviser for a Beginning Cataloger," she paid deserved tribute to one important aspect of Miss Basset's many-sided contribution to law librarianship. She has been not only a superb technician but also a person who was able to project herself into the consciousness of those who worked with her, inspiring in them much of her passion for accuracy and detail in the construction of a really useful catalog, for which adequate technique is only one of the requisites. As a teacher of green catalogers, fresh from library school, she has been unsurpassed. They have come to her with rough corners sticking out all over them, with no idea of what careful work really is, and she has turned them into highly polished professionals, sharing her appreciation of a

job well done. It was amusing to observe the transition of these neophytes from startled resentment, through grudging appreciation, to enthusiastic admiration and respect.

In her later years at Columbia, Miss Basset has greatly expanded her sphere of usefulness in law cataloging by her publications, climaxed by the admirable *Cataloging Manual for Law Libraries*, published in 1942. This, together with the *Subject Headings in American and English Law Used in the Dictionary Catalog of the Columbia University Law Library*, for the development of which she was largely responsible, has helped law catalogers throughout the United States and many foreign countries to a solution of some of their particular problems. Always generous with her time, she has had a considerable correspondence with an increasing number of her less experienced colleagues in the field. Her latest work, *Librarian's Guide to Title-Page Russian and Principles of Transliteration with an Introduction to Russian Law Books*, has been

hailed as an authoritative and scholarly contribution to a difficult subject. Perhaps her outstanding accomplishment was the ten-year classification and re-cataloging of the Columbia University Law Library foreign law collection.

However, her influence on law librarianship has not been limited to cataloging. From April, 1922, to January, 1925, she was editor of the *Index to Legal Periodicals*, and she contributed the *List of Anglo-American Legal Periodicals* to the first two editions of Hicks' *Materials and Methods of Legal Research*.

Her colleagues at Colombia miss her unobtrusive helpfulness and her quiet sense of humor. She is a grand person.

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ANGLO-AMERICAN LEGAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES. AN ANNOTATED GUIDE. By William L. Friend. Washington, U. S. Government Printing Office, 1944. xii, 166 p. \$1.50.

We are indebted to the Library of Congress for another contribution to legal bibliography and research. The guides to foreign law begun under the direction of Edwin M. Borchard, Law Librarian of Congress from 1911 to 1916, have been of genuine service to the legal profession, and the new series on the law and legal literature of the Latin-American Republics will be no less welcome. It is appropriate that our national library should devote considerable of its resources to the dissemination of bibliographical information for the benefit of law libraries and the legal profession.

Mr. William L. Friend, who has compiled the present work, is a member of the staff of the Law Library of Congress with a flair for jotting down bits of information which have come to him or which he has sought out over a period of years. He has revised and brought up to date in the Historical Survey (Chapter I) his article which appeared in 33 *Law Library Journal* (1940); and in Chapter II presents "an annotated guide to Anglo-American legal bibliographic materials with the exception of works devoted exclusively to American statutory materials, and library and publishers' catalogues." The use of Library of Congress catalog cards for entries in the *Bibliography* increases the value and accuracy of the work. Facsimile title pages of some of the interesting items in the field of legal bibliography lend a pleasing note to the volume.

The emphasis of this guide is upon historical rather than upon recent materials. In fact, one concludes that there may have been some delay after the manuscript went to press as no materials later than 1942 are included, and by far the greater part of the entries are for publications before 1940. Otherwise we should have found the Anderson *Supplement to Beale* (1943); Hicks' *Materials and Methods of Legal Research*, 3d ed. (1942), with new chapters and bibliographical information on administrative agencies and looseleaf services, and no doubt Wigmore's *Guide to American International Law and Practice* (1943). It might also have been well to include Hockett's *Constitutional History of the United States* (1939-) for an extensive bibliography; and the *Guide* to official state, federal and Canadian war publications published currently by the University of California Bureau of Public Administration under the direction of Jerome K. Wilcox, to mention a few items in particular. It is clear, however, that the compiler did not intend to follow the "Where-to-look-for-your-law" technique, and it is understandable that rather strict limitations had to be set.

On the whole the work is interesting and commendable, and it is to be hoped that the compiler will continue upon his bibliographical way with unabated zeal in accordance with his plea for the recording of data as it comes to hand. He is aware of the evils of procrastination

which presumably overtook G. G., surely none other than George Gibbs (numbers 98, 99 and 101 of the *Bibliography*), author while a student in the Harvard Law School of *The Judicial Chronicle* (1834). At any rate we hear no more from him in the field of legal research, after so promising a beginning.

Friends of the late Dr. John T. Vance, Law Librarian of the Library of Congress from 1924 to 1943, will appreciate

especially the gracious tribute of Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress, which appears as an introduction to the volume. It is indeed fitting that we should have this warm expression of appreciation from a fellow librarian who has displayed similar breadth of vision and qualities of scholarly statesmanship in his own endeavors.

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A GUIDE TO THE LAW AND LEGAL LITERATURE OF CUBA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND HAITI. By Crawford M. Bishop and Anyda Marchant. Washington, The Library of Congress, 1944. ix, 276 p. (Library of Congress. Law Library. Latin American Series, no. 3.)

A GUIDE TO THE LAW AND LEGAL LITERATURE OF COLOMBIA. By Richard C. Backus and Phanor J. Eder. Washington, The Library of Congress, 1943 [1944]. viii, 222 p. (Library of Congress. Law Library. Latin American Series, no. 4.)

Any one who has been charged with the task of building up a well-rounded and adequate collection of Latin-American law, or of using it, will realize at once the vast amount of labor going into the compilation of these two worthy companions to the Borchard guides to Latin-American law, and their utility. Common law lawyers and librarians accustomed to their well-ordered and comprehensive Hicks, Beardsley, Brandt and Sweet & Maxwell manuals and bibliographies, will now find the journey across the legal boundaries of the four countries forming the subject matter of the books here reviewed somewhat less dismaying than formerly.

These guides were prepared in the Law Library of Congress under a grant made by the State Department as a part of its program of Cooperation with the Latin-American Republics, and were compiled under the general direction of Dr. Crawford M. Bishop, Director of

the Center of Inter-American Legal Studies. The materials were for the most part found in the Law Library of Congress and other United States law libraries, supplemented by bibliographical notes made by the late Dr. John T. Vance and Dr. Bishop during the course of long visits to South America. Similar guides are contemplated for the remaining Latin-American countries not already covered by them.

These guides follow the general style and method of the earlier Borchard guides to the law and literature of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, though the political history of Colombia induced Messrs. Backus and Eder to depart somewhat from it, and to devote considerably more space to constitutional law than do Bishop and Marchant.

Following a brief historical sketch of each country, there are bibliographies, indexes to legislation, collected laws, laws on special subjects and a brief mem-

orandum on court reports and digests. Then follows what in each case is the body of the guide, a conspectus of constitutional law and literature and of each code, concluding with similar sections for public and private international law. Liberal references to historical development and to the literature are made. Common law lawyers, accustomed to such manuals as Hicks, will find these guides more difficult to use. There is no tabular arrangement of material and nearly all titles cited are in footnotes. It is thus necessary to read with considerable care and completeness both text and footnotes in order to extract the desired information, a somewhat slow and laborious process. Neither is it safe to rely upon the footnotes as the exclusive repository of titles, since these are occasionally found only in the text.

The lowly estate of the session law and the law report in civil law, as compared to the code and the commentary, is seen in the comparative amount of space devoted to each. In the 142-page Cuban guide, for example, less than two pages are devoted to current laws in serial form, slightly over two pages to reports and digests and some eighty pages to the codes. As is typical in Latin-American law, public law—constitutional, administrative and international—is very well represented. Accordingly, the guides reflect closely the political history of each country.

In each class of material (whether constitutional law, the codes, etc.) the treatment is a chronologically presented essay on the development of the law, together with citations to appropriate statutes, codes and commentaries. This is invaluable to the lawyer or librarian unfamiliar with the material, and the

wealth of research and learning demonstrated cannot help but be of the utmost service to civil lawyers as well. Unfortunately, space limitations eliminate critical comment on the literature, though presumably critical judgment was exercised in the selection of titles, as only comparatively few of the total number available are given in most cases. The result, from the librarian's point of view, is a buying list of fundamental and first purchase material, subject arranged for the most part, comprising an excellent though by no means complete working library; plus a brief guide to the law and where it is to be found in the literature cited. This reviewer has made no attempt to check the guides for omissions of important material; however, he has had some contact with Dr. Bishop, the general director, and his careful work, which convinces him that such omissions are few.

Though the title in each case reads "a guide to the law and legal literature" of the country concerned, this, as to the law, is true to an appreciable extent only in the case of the Colombian guide. Its authors, lawyers of long and extensive experience in Latin-American practice, were given a great deal more space (222 pages) than were the others reviewed (Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti have 142, 58, and 73 pages, respectively), and utilized it to give a much more interesting and presumably more useful picture than the rather dry pabulum forced by space limitations upon the other guides could provide. It alone goes into state and departmental material to any extent.

Unfortunately, there is only a small and incomplete index to the Colombian guide and no subject index at all to the

others, indexing in all being chiefly by authors of works cited. The fact that the guides themselves, particularly those of Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, are rather minutely arranged by subject, atones in considerable measure for this lack.

The increasing importance of political and commercial intercourse with Latin-America and the corresponding growth

in legal practice and law libraries combine to make these guides invaluable. Their authors and the Law Library of Congress deserve the hearty thanks of the law library profession, which will await with eager interest the remaining volumes in the series.

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CURRENT COMMENTS

Death of Laura A. Woodward

MISS LAURA A. WOODWARD, Librarian of the Maryland Casualty Company, Baltimore, died on December 8 from burns suffered in a fire at the parish hall of St. Ambrose's Church in Baltimore. She had been President of the Special Libraries Association for two terms. She was a prime mover in the organization of the Council of National Library Associations and served as its Vice-Chairman and Chairman. At the time of her death she was representing the Special Libraries Association on the Council.

Miss Woodward addressed the Milwaukee meeting of the A.A.L.L. on the subject of cooperation between special libraries and law libraries.

Appointment of Hilda Y. Smith

MISS HILDA Y. SMITH, for several years a member of the staff of the New York State Law Library at Albany, as Junior Librarian, has been appointed Assistant Law Librarian of that library.

Marriage of Bernita J. Long and Elmer F. Davies

BERNITA J. LONG, Law Librarian of the University of Illinois, and Elmer F. Davies, Urbana attorney, were married on December 21. Mrs. Davies is a past President of the A.A.L.L. Mr. Davies is a member of the firm of Mitchem and Davies and Assistant Attorney General of Illinois.

Law Library Association of Greater New York

THE LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK held a dinner meeting December 4 at the New York University Faculty Club. "Arrangement and Cataloging in the Law Library" was the subject of the discussion led by Mildred Ray, Cataloger of the Columbia University Law Library and Fred B. Rothman, Law Librarian of the New York University Law Library. Miles O. Price, Law Librarian of Columbia University, acted as moderator. The meeting was followed by a tour of the Washington Square Library.

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